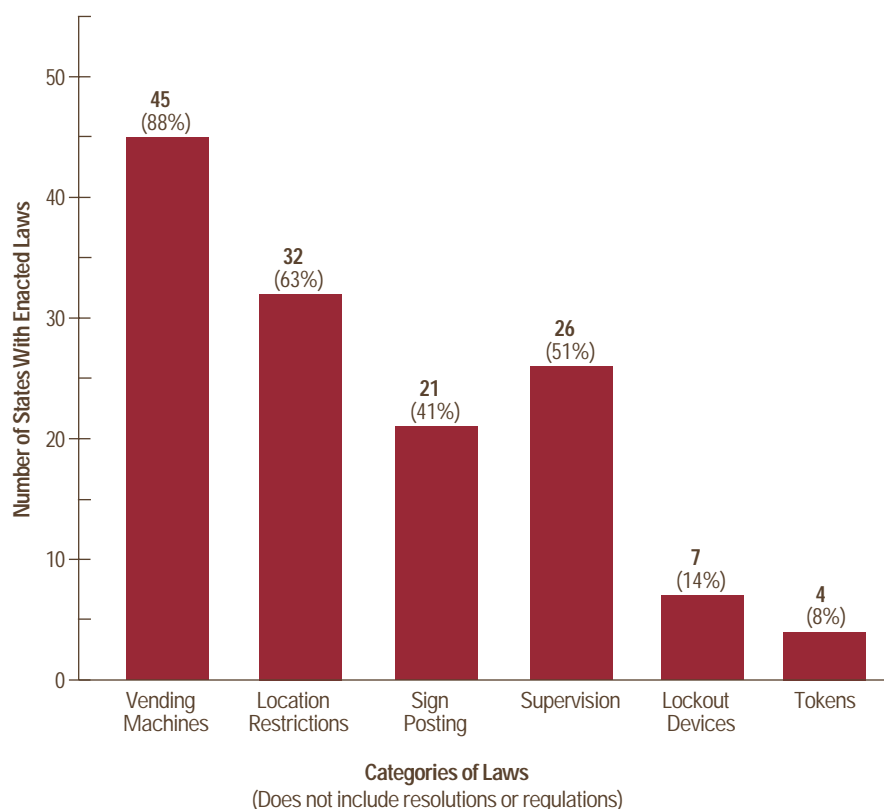


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Number of States With Enacted Youth Access to Tobacco Vending Machine Laws by Category of Law (Through December 1996)



Although all states and the District of Columbia prohibit the sale of tobacco to minors, 45 states (88%) impose specific restrictions on youth access to tobacco through vending machines. Laws in these states vary from simple sign posting requirements to more restrictive provisions governing the location and accessibility of vending machines. For example, 32 states (63%) have legislation limiting the placement of vending machines to places inaccessible to minors, such as bars, or inaccessible to the general public, such as offices. In the 21 states (41%) that mandate the posting of signs indicating that sales of tobacco to minors through vending machines are prohibited, the signs' content, size, typeface, and place-

ment are often specified. The number of states requiring only sign posting decreased to five (10%) in 1996. Twenty-six states (51%) mandate supervision, which means that vending machines must be located within the sight of an establishment's employees. The number of states requiring lockout devices, which usually require an establishment's employees to operate the vending machine, increased from four states (8%) in 1994 to seven states (14%) in 1996. In conjunction with other youth access restrictions, four states (8%) also require that vending machines operate only with tokens purchased from an establishment's employees.

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States with Enacted Youth Access to Tobacco Vending Machine Laws by Category of Law

(Through December 1996)

State	Categories of Legislation	Vending Machines	Location Restrictions	Sign Posting (Specifically on or near vending machine)	Supervision	Lockout Devices	Tokens
Alabama							
Alaska		✓	✓		✓		
Arizona							
Arkansas		✓	✓	✓	✓		
California		✓	✓				
Colorado		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Connecticut		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Delaware		✓	✓		✓		
District of Columbia		✓	✓		✓		
Florida		✓			✓		
Georgia		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Hawaii		✓	✓	✓			
Idaho		✓					
Illinois		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Indiana		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Iowa		✓			✓	✓	
Kansas		✓	✓			✓	
Kentucky		✓			✓		
Louisiana		✓		✓			
Maine		✓		✓	✓		
Maryland		✓		✓			
Massachusetts		✓		✓			
Michigan		✓	✓		✓		
Minnesota		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mississippi		✓	✓		✓		
Missouri		✓		✓			
Montana		✓	✓		✓		
Nebraska		✓	✓				
Nevada		✓	✓				
New Hampshire		✓			✓		
New Jersey		✓	✓	✓			
New Mexico		✓	✓	✓			
New York		✓	✓		✓		
North Carolina							
North Dakota		✓					
Ohio		✓	✓		✓		
Oklahoma		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Oregon		✓	✓				
Pennsylvania							
Rhode Island		✓		✓	✓	✓	
South Carolina							
South Dakota		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Tennessee		✓	✓		✓		✓
Texas		✓		✓			
Utah		✓	✓				
Vermont		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Virginia		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Washington		✓	✓				
West Virginia							
Wisconsin		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Wyoming		✓	✓	✓			

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